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SENATOR DWORAK: What is the problem here specifically then?

SENATOR BEREUTER: The problem is that money is being spent from this cash fund that has nothing to do with municipal sales tax collection. Admittedly there are three sources of money coming into this Revenue Department cash fund. One hundred and fifty dollars, having to do with motor vehicle registration, license, etc., \$15,000 for severance tax, but the great majority, an estimated \$875,000 next year, is coming in under the three percent provision under the municipal sales tax.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to relinquish more time?

SENATOR DWORAK: I have one more question.

SENATOR WARNER: I will relinquish more.

SENATOR DWORAK: Does not, even though this is a cash fund, does not these monies have to go through the appropriation process?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, they do.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would just arise to support Senator Bereuter in his proposed amendment. It is a fact that we have changed a number of these the last two or three sessions. If I recall correctly, about a session or maybe two ago, there were a whole series of them that were abolished or changed. I think the purpose is simply one of better budget control where the appropriations go through the full appropriation process. There's better protection for the Legislature as a whole. I see no adverse effect from what Senator Bereuter is proposing.

In addition, I guess it's now clear that this is not an appropriation bill so no one should be confused on that basis. I would urge the body to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I think maybe perhaps most people are confused about this. What Senator Bereuter is trying to do is take this out of a cash fund and put it in the General Fund. They ask do the cash funds go through the Appropriations Committee. The only thing we do is have a cash fund ceiling on them. We don't actually monitor the funds. We do monitor the General Fund funds and that's what he is attempting to do is to put it into the General Fund so that we will monitor it. We have no monitorization at all, right now, over cash funds. That's all this amendment does. I can see no reason for the defugality on it.